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FOR STATE/AID

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SITUATION
IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18,
1973.

NOV. 12 NOV. 13 NOV. 14 NOV. 15

BEGINNING STOCK 9,956.8 9,191.9 8,336.7 7,592.3

TOTAL AVAILABLE 9,956.8 9,191.9 8,336.7 7,592.3

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LESS DISTRIBUTION 748.5 845.1 723.1 604.0

BALANCE	9,208.3	8,346.8	7,613.3	6,988.3
LESS ADJUSTMENT	16.5	10.1	21.0	49.6
BALANCE	9,191.9	8,336.7	7,592.3	6,938.8

	NOV. 16	NOV. 17	NOV. 18
BEGINNING STOCK	6,938.8	10,315.1	9,534.5
MEKONG	4,017.0	---	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	10,955.8	10,315.1	9,534.5
LESS DISTRIBUTION	633.4	750.9	---
BALANCE	10,322.4	9,564.2	9,534.5
LESS ADJUSTMENT	7.3	29.7	---
BALANCE	10,315.1	9,534.5	9,534.5

2. STOCK POSITION. AS OF COB NOVEMBER 18, PHNOM PENH HAD A TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF 9,534.5 M/T IN RICE AND BROKENS. RICE SHIPMENTS WHICH ARRIVED VIA THE MEKONG DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

DATE	VESSEL/BARGE	ORIGIN	M/T
11/16	TCS-66	SVN	1,780.4
11/16	TCS-66	KOREA	111.0
11/16	EVER GLORY	KOREA	1,895.0
	TOTAL		3,786.4

ARRIVALS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 25 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL/BARGE	ORIGIN	M/T
ADRIANA	THAI	2,200
WING PENG	THAI	750
WING PENG	KOREA	948
PORT SUN 1	KOREA	1,780
ENDURANCE	KOREA	2,237
	TOTAL	7,915

ADDITIONAL ARRIVALS PROJECTED FOR THE BALANCE OF NOVEMBER BY SPECIAL MEKONG CONVOY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL/BARGE	ORIGIN	M/T
BONANZA	KOREA	1,280
BONANZA	SVN	720

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BATTY C-1	SVN	800
BATTY C-2	SVN	800
(TO BE NAMED)	SVN	5,000
	TOTAL	8,600

ABOVE SCHEDULED AND PROJECTED ARRIVALS WILL COMPLETE SHIPMENT OF (A) 12,500 M/T THAI PURCHASE AND (B) THE FIRST 8,471 M/T OF KOERAN RICE LOADED ON NEW KEELUNG (4,734 M/T) AND ENDURANCE

(3,737 M/T) OF WHICH 6,234 M/T WILL HAVE BEEN TRANSSHIPPED IN SAIGON. THE FOUR SHIPMENTS OF SVN RICE TALLING 7,320 M/T WILL REPRESENT PART OF THE FINAL BALANCE OF 5,037 M/T UNDER THE GVN LOAN OF 10,000 M/T AGREED TO ON OCTOBER 29, PLUS A FIRST INCREMENT OF 5,000 M/T UNDER THE LOAN OF 15,000 M/T AGREED TO BY GVN ON NOVEMBER 21, WHICH USAID/SAIGON EXPECTS TO START LOADING ON NOVEMBER 23. ALL ABOVE ARRIVALS, IF COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 30, WILL RAISE THE NUMBER OF DAYS' SUPPLY TO 28 ON THAT DAY.

3. DISTRIBUTION. AT A PROJECTED RATE OF 650 M/T PER DAY, THE STOCK ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER 18 CORRESPONDED TO 14.7 DAYS' SUPPLY. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, DAILY DISTRIBUTION AVERAGED 615 M/T. FOR THE 10-DAY PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 18, THE DAILY AVERAGE WAS 555.4 M/T. ON NOVEMBER 13, THE NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE SET A NEW DAILY QUOTA OF 610 M/T BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

CIVILIAN	310 M/T
FANK	200 M/T
PROVINCES	70 M/T
OTHERS	30 MT
	610 M/T

WITH RICE SUPPLIES BECOMING MORE ABUNDANT, THE DEMAND OF CITY DWELLERS AND PROVINCIAL PROPULATIONS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD PRECEDING THE NEXT HARVEST. THEREFORE, OUR PROJECTED DISTRIBUTION RATE OF 650 M/T A DAY IS A REASONABLE ASSUMPTION.

THE GKR'S NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE IS TAKING ACTION TO CORRECT SOME OF THE INEQUITIES OF THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THE FAMILY BOOKLETS OF CIVIL SERVANTS ARE BEING COLLECTED TO PUT A STOP TO DOUBLE DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE "ILOTS" AND THE CIVIL

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SERVANTS' ASSOCIATIONS. THE DAILY QUOTA TO SELECTED RETAILERS, A SOURCE OF DIVERSION AND/OR DISCONTANT, HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 40 TO 30 M/T. BELOW THE ILOT LEVEL, FAMILIES ARE BEING ORGANIZED IN GROUPS OF 50 HOURSSES EACH HEADED BY A DULY ELECTED CHIEF WHO DRAWS RICE FROM THE ILOT AND DISTRIBUTES IT HIMSELF TO HIS FAMILIES. THIS INNOVATION PROVIDES APPARENTLY FOR A BETTER CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF ILOT CHIEFS.

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